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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks:

In the Specification:

Please replace the initial paper copy of the sequence listing filed on October 31, 2002 with the substitute paper copy of the sequence listing, pages 1-290.

REMARKS

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, Applicants submit herein a substitute computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing," and a substitute paper copy of the "Sequence Listing." No new matter has been added. A statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 – 1.825 is also included.

The Specification has been amended to delete the initial paper copy of the sequence

listing, and to insert the substitute paper copy of the sequence listing. No new matter has been added.

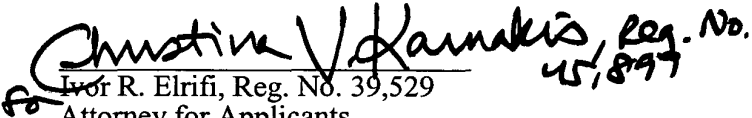
Applicants believe that no fee is due with the submission of this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-222 (Cura-522).

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this submission, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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